



PANTRY SUPPORT NETWORK MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

HELLO, HUNGER FIGHTERS!

Stark County Hunger Task Force (SCHTF) is a non-profit organization committed to alleviating the problem of hunger in our Stark County communities. We are a support organization for local food pantries and offer a variety of services through our Pantry Support Network.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Funds solicited by SCHTF from our community are granted to our network pantries to purchase food from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank (ACFRB). Nearly all of our network pantries receive a specific monthly budget and annual bonus to purchase food. The amount each pantry receives is determined by financial need, total number of funding sources, and number of clients served.
- We work with a variety of schools, businesses, and civic organizations to organize food drives. This food is available to our network pantries on a first come, first served basis. Every effort is made to ensure all of our network pantries get a fair share of this food.
- We own two trucks which are available for our pantries to borrow to make the trip to either ACRFB location to pick up food. SCHTF is responsible for the cost of gas and routine maintenance.
- We work with our pantries to determine special needs such as freezers, refrigerators, dollies, shelving, and other products. When possible, SCHTF will seek funding to meet and prioritize needs.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- One pantry representative is asked to attend our monthly All Ears Meetings on the first Thursday of each month on the Ken Weber Community Campus at Goodwill at 9:30am. Participation in these meetings is highly advised to receive important information regarding our Pantry Support Network.
- Pantries shall submit the latest report of their monthly numbers to SCHTF by the 10th of each month. Failure to do so will result in suspension of funding and other network benefits until they are back in compliance. Monthly numbers can be submitted at starkhunger.org/pantry-monthly-numbers.
- Pantries shall complete the annual SCHTF end-of-year survey to assess their current needs on a yearly basis. Failure to do so may result in suspension of future pantry bonuses.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Existing pantries may apply to become a member of the Stark County Hunger Task Force Pantry Support Network. To be accepted, pantries must complete the following steps:

1. Meet application requirements prior to applying (see below)
2. Fill out Pantry Support Network Membership Application
3. Submit documentation including proof of current 501c(3) status and three months of ACRFB monthly statistical reports and invoices
4. Be approved by our Executive Director and Pantry Relations Committee
5. Sign a Pantry Support Network Membership Agreement

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Be in full operation for at least three (3) months prior to applying

Each site needs its own volunteers and/or staff for tasks such as ordering and picking up food, preparing for and running food distribution, performing client intake, and completing minimal record keeping. The pantry must be in operation for at least three months prior to application.

2. Hold current 501c(3) non-profit status

Appropriate documentation (such as W-2 or I-9) is required. Applications to become a 501c(3) non-profit organization are available at your local post office and usually require the help of an attorney to complete.

3. Be a member of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

Pantries must be members of the ACRFB and be in good standing. If you are not currently a member agency, you may call Nathan Kreis at 330.436.3173 to begin the process.

4. Fill a gap in our current services

Pantries seeking to join our Pantry Support Network must operate in a geographic location or during operating hours not currently covered by an existing pantry in our network.



PANTRY SUPPORT NETWORK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Pantry

Date Established

ACRFB Member Number

What year did you join the ACRFB?

IRS 501c(3) Tax ID Number

Pantry Address (please include city & ZIP code)

Area Served (ex: Canton, 44720 & 44721, all of Stark County)

Pantry Phone Number

Name of Pantry Director

Pantry Director Phone Number

Pantry Director Email Address

Total Staff/Volunteers at Pantry

Pantry Monthly Budget

Total Households Served Monthly

Total People Served Monthly

Days & Times of Distribution

Distribution Type
(choice, prepack, drive-thru)

Did your pantry cancel any distributions in the past year? If so, why?
